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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in
Room 2125, Temporary "M" Building
26th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.

9 April 1953

PRESENT

25X1A9a Dr. Otto E. Guthe, CIA, Chairman

25X1A9a [REDACTED] CIA, Vice Chairman

25X1A9a [REDACTED] CIA, Executive Secretary

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Mr. Howard Wiedemann, State

Mr. Edward Doherty, State

Mr. Edward Fried, State

Mr. H. Duncan Holmes, Army

Mr. Irving McConnell, Army

Col. William C. Baird, Air Force

Mr. Paul Ledet, Air Force

Cdr. Joseph Meyertholen, Navy

Dr. George Kidd, Navy

Mr. John Easton, Joint Chiefs of Staff

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Action: The minutes of the Economic Intelligence Committee meeting of 5 March 1953 (EIC-M-25) were approved.

STATUS REPORT OF EIC PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS

2. Discussion: Dr. Guthe called the Committee's attention to two EIC papers which were completed during the last month--EIC-R-9, "Capability of the Trans-Siberian Railroad and Connecting Lines in Manchuria and Korea" and EIC-S-11, "Annual Report of the Status of Economic Intelligence Research Projects on the Soviet Bloc." Col. Baird, Air Force, stated that EIC-S-11 is proving to be an extremely valuable report. Mr. Wiedemann, State, remarked that EIC-R-9 should serve as a model for other economic intelligence research reports.

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REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED ECONOMIC APPENDIX FOR SE-38 (EIC-R-12)

3. Action: The appendix was approved with the inclusion of additional data for Table 1, submitted by Army and the addition of two introductory paragraphs submitted by State.

REPORT ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A STUDY OF SOVIET BLOC MILITARY PETROLEUM REQUIREMENTS

4. Action: A proposed memorandum recommending to the IAC that a study be initiated on Bloc military petroleum requirements was distributed at the meeting. Members were requested to call in their views to the EIC Secretariat. The A-2 representative, Col. Baird, felt that this might better be handled through JIC channels and agreed to check on this and report his findings to the Secretariat.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED REPORT TO THE IAC ON THE EIC PROJECT, "ECONOMIC CAPABILITIES OF THE SOVIET BLOC TO SUPPORT A GENERAL WAR" (EIC-R-2)

5. Action: Copies of the proposed report were sent out prior to the meeting. The paper was approved with the following changes:

- a. The last sentence of paragraph 4, page 2, was deleted.
- b. Recommendation (b) of paragraph 5 was deleted.

6. Discussion: Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the EIC member agencies would continue the exchange of information on the progress of their research in this field.

REVIEW OF DRAFT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHINA TRADE AND SHIPPING STUDY, EIC-R1-S2, AND REPORT OF PLANS FOR [REDACTED] 20 APRIL 25X1X7A

25X1A9a 7. Discussion: [REDACTED] reported that all agency contributions had been received and that they would be reviewed by the working groups after the EIC meeting.

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Executive Secretary
Economic Intelligence Committee

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